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(57) Abstract: The present invention features methods and compositions for the treatment, reduction, and prevention of degenerative joint disorders by administering to a mammal a joint enhancing composition. According to this invention, the composition increases the level of expression and secretion of endogenous lubricin such that the joints in the mammal being treated are lubricated. This composition can be administered alone or in combination with one or more therapeutic agents.